



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

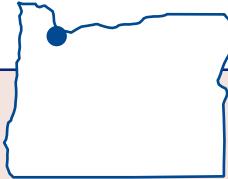
Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Portland, OR

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Community Partners for Affordable Housing was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Bertha Triangle target site is located in the Hillsdale neighborhood in southwest Portland (population 529,121). The target community consists of low-income seniors living in or near the Hillsdale neighborhood. Twenty percent of Bertha Triangle area residents are over 55 years old. Although almost half of all renter households over the age of 55 are rent burdened, paying more than 30 percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities, there are no subsidized senior housing developments in the market area.



Cleanup Grant

New
2005

\$180,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Community Partners for Affordable Housing for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to decommission existing groundwater monitoring wells, prepare a cleanup plan, and remove and dispose of contaminated soils at the Bertha Triangle site in Hillsdale Town Center, Portland, Oregon. Funds also will be used to dispose of contaminated groundwater encountered during excavation. A targeted assessment completed at the site revealed the presence of petroleum contamination consistent with the former use of the property as an automobile wrecking yard and fueling station.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth>, click on "Superfund", scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

Cleanup of the Bertha Triangle site will enable the redevelopment of the property into a 51-unit affordable senior housing facility, with eight units set aside for formerly homeless veterans. The development also will include ground floor commercial space, parking, and a community center.